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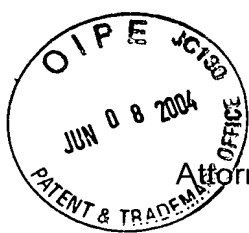
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In re: Fukumoto et al.  
Application Serial No.: 10/800,160  
Filed: Concurrently Herewith  
For: Mating Disruption Agent and Method of Mating Disruption

June 8, 2004

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**PETITION TO ACCORD THE PROPER FILING DATE**

Sir:

As set forth in 37 CFR § 1.10(c) and MPEP § 506.02, Applicant hereby petitions to grant the proper filing date of March 12, 2004 rather than March 15, 2004 for the above-identified patent application as this was the date the application was deposited as "Express Mail" in the U.S. Postal Service. The following is enclosed as evidence of March 12, 2004 being the correct filing date for the application, which was properly filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10:

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3. A true and accurate copy of the official filing receipt for this application, sent by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, showing that Applicant was improperly given the filing date of March 15, 2004 instead of the Express Mail date of March 12, 2004.


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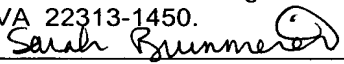
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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER  
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Mail Stop Patent Application  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) is:

- ☒ a patent application  
☐ a Continuation ☐ a Divisional ☐ a Continuation-in-Part (CIP) Application of prior application  
Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ which claims the benefit of Japanese Application No. 2003-069102, filed March 14, 2003.

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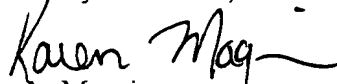
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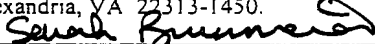
  
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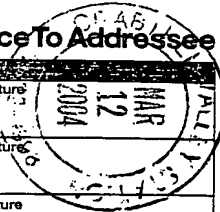
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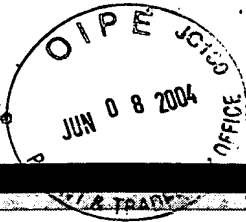
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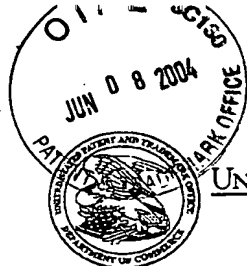
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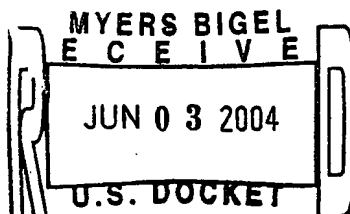


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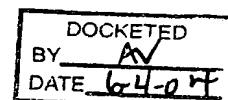
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